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Family Newsletter

Paw Prints



January 12, 2024 - Vol 2 Issue 9

Principal's Message

Dear GNBVT Families,

I hope this Paw Prints Newsletter finds you in good health and high spirits despite the challenges that life often throws our way. Today, I write to you with a heavy heart, as our school community mourns the loss of one of our own, Jacob Pothier. It is never easy to navigate through such moments, but it is in times like these that the strength of our community truly shines.

Over the past week, our dedicated Guidance and School Adjustment Counselors, along with our compassionate teachers, staff, faculty, and administration, have worked tirelessly to provide support to those students who have been most deeply affected by Jacob's passing. Throughout this week we have used our Student Forum as a space for healing and reflection, fostering an environment where our students can find solace in the midst of grief.

As a father of three teenagers, each around Jacob's age, I cannot help but empathize with the pain that his parents and family members are going through. In the face of unimaginable loss, they are showing tremendous strength and resilience to keep their family together during this challenging time. Our thoughts and prayers are with them, and we stand united as a school community to offer our unwavering support.

Tonight, we have the opportunity to come together as a community to celebrate Jacob's life and legacy. Our girls' basketball game at 5:00 pm and boys' basketball game at 6:30 pm, both against

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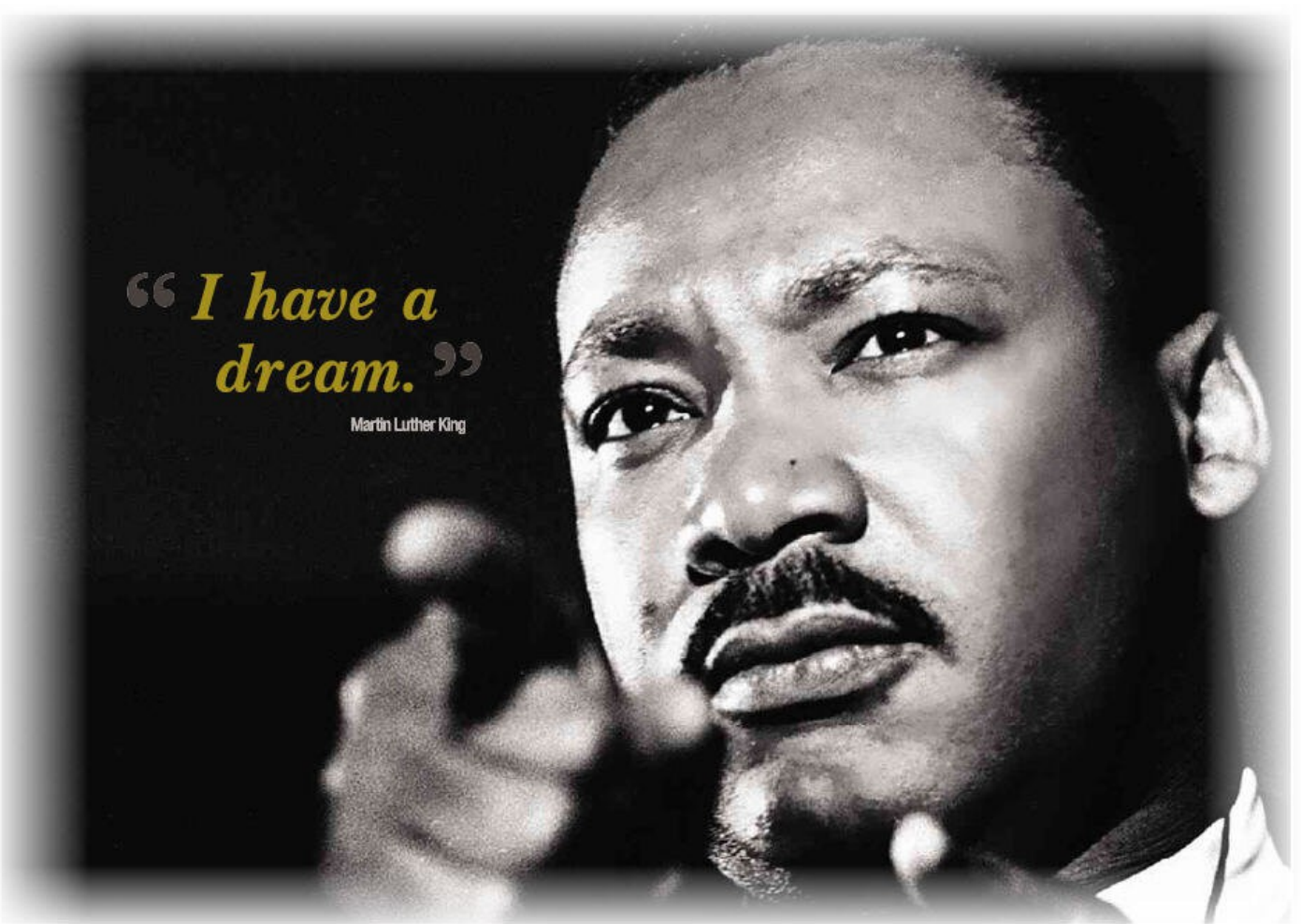
Sturgis West, will be played in Jacob's honor right here at GNBVT. The entire admission proceeds from these games will contribute to a scholarship established in Jacob's name, a fitting tribute to a vibrant young soul who left an indelible mark on our hearts.

I am confident that Jacob, with his larger-than-life personality, is rocking the heavens, and his memory will continue to inspire us all.

May he rest in peace.

Warm regards,

Principal Williams



QUICK LINKS:

[Lunch Menu](#)

[GNBVT Website](#)

[Family Engagement Center](#)

[Student Handbook](#)

[GNBVT Calendars](#)

Upcoming Events:

Monday, January 15: *NO SCHOOL: MLK Holiday*

Friday, January 19: *Early Dismissal: 10:49 am- Staff Professional Development*

Monday, January 22: *Trimester 2 Progress Reports Published*



School Closing or Delay Reminders

In the event of a school closing or delay, an announcement will be made across all primary GNBVTHS social media outlets, which includes Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Snapchat, and GNBVT app. In addition to social media, a phone call, e-mail and text will be sent to parents and guardians regarding school closing or delay.

Local radio and TV stations will broadcast announcements when school is closed or when the opening of school is delayed. When there is a delay, buses will run one or two hours late.

In the event of a delay, there will be no placement. Off-campus projects will be determined on a case by case basis.

The school will provide announcements regarding school closings, delayed openings or unscheduled early release of students to the following media:

School website

Primary School

Social Media Accounts

WCVB-TV Channel 5

WLNE-TV Channel 6

WHDH-TV Channel 7

WFXT-TV Fox 25 Boston

WBSM Radio AM 1420

WSAR Radio AM 1480

Class of 2024 Cap & Gown Measurements

Missed Measurements Information- Please visit Robert's in Person by January 13, 2024

Students who missed the December onsite cap and gown measurements, at their convenience, are to visit Robert's House of Formals by January 13, 2024 to be measured.

[Robert's House of Formals](#)

310 Rhode Island Ave

Fall River, MA 02721

508.672-0009

Please call in advance of going to ensure they will be open.

Robert's House of Formals

Missed Measurements Information Flier

Cap & Gown Measurements for the Class of 2024!!!

Students that missed the onsite measurements on Dec 6th & Dec 8th:

At their convenience, by January 13, 2024, students may visit Robert's House of Formals to be measured.

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Reminder of Student Technology Use Policy

Located in the Student Handbook:

STUDENT TECHNOLOGY USE POLICY

GNB Voc-Tech provides technology resources to its students to promote educational excellence in the school by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication with the support and supervision of the administration. The use of technology is a privilege, not a right. With global access to resources across the Internet comes the possibility of material that may not be considered to be of educational value in the context of a school setting; GNB Voc-Tech firmly believes that the value of information, interaction, and research capabilities available outweighs the possibilities that students may obtain material that is not consistent with the educational goals of the district.

Proper behavior, as it relates to the use of computers, is no different than proper behavior in all other aspects of school activities. All students are expected to use the computers and computer networks in a responsible, ethical, and polite manner. This policy is intended to clarify



network usage. Violations of this policy may result in disciplinary action, a loss of computer privileges, and if appropriate, legal action. Please read full policy here.

Student Technology Use Policy- 2023-2024 Student Handbook



From the Health Office

COVID-19

As many are aware, COVID-19 remains within our communities.

If you are experiencing COVID-like symptoms such as fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, muscle aches, headache, loss of taste and smell, sore throat, runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, you should test yourself for COVID. Symptoms can range from mild to severe. If you test positive for COVID you should remain isolated for five days from the start of symptoms vs your positive test date. This day is considered Day Zero.

From there, count 5 days out and then you are able to stop isolating on Day 6 as long as you have an improvement of your symptoms and you are not taking medication to reduce a fever. The CDC recommends that individuals wear a mask through Day 10.

Please call the Health Center to speak to one of the nurses who can help clarify when you/your student can return to school. The nursing staff also works with the Attendance Office to ensure that absences related to COVID are excused. Please call our nursing staff to clarify any questions that you may have related to illness or absences.

Sarah Caggiao ext 791, Casey Clarke ext 661, Ursula Crowell ext 205, Jaala Duarte ext 204

You can find information related to COVID vaccinations at the following [Mass.gov](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-vaccine-information) website:
<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-vaccine-information>

Reminder--COVID Test Kits: The government is providing four free testing kits per household. Please see the link below to order if you are interested in obtaining these:

<https://special.usps.com/testkits>

The health center also does currently have a limited supply of test kits on hand should your student need to take one home. The nursing staff can provide these while supplies last.

COVID TEST KITS LINK

Final REMINDER

Also previously shared for our senior class, YOG 2024, the Department of Public Health (DPH) is requiring high schools to report on the final status of meningococcal vaccinations. We ask that if you have not sent in proof of this vaccination in our last school year, please provide a copy at this time. We are required to report on this by the end of January 2024.

Flu Season:

As we head further into the flu season, consider getting a flu shot. The Centers for Disease Control recommends being vaccinated. While the flu vaccine does not always prevent the flu, it can help reduce the severe symptoms.



HBCU College Fair- Monday-January 15

ZEITERION PERFORMING ARTS CENTER INVITES YOU

**FREE ADMISSION
AND PIZZA!**

HBCU COLLEGE FAIR

MONDAY, JANUARY 15

MLK DAY • 11AM - 2PM

Andrea McCoy Recreation Center

181 Hillman St., New Bedford, Bldg. 8

**MLK DAY
COMMUNITY
PROGRAM**



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**T.R.U.E.
DIVERSITY**
SERVING OTHERS ON PURPOSE



SPECIAL THANKS TO PAIGE L. JONES



*Featuring
halftime show
and Q&A with cast of
DRUMLINE Live
at 12:30PM*

HBCU College Fair Flier



Students pictured: L-R: Benjamin Nunes, Ryan Kobza, Mason Daigle, Nicholas Soares and Reinaldo Trinidad

Seniors Achieve Massachusetts 2nd Class Firemen's License

Stationary Engineering High School Students Achieve Milestone with Massachusetts 2nd Class Firemen's License

Senior students in the Stationary Engineering program have earned their Massachusetts 2nd Class Firemen's licenses, marking a significant milestone in their educational journey. These students have demonstrated dedication and a keen interest in the field of stationary engineering, showcasing the importance of hands-on learning in high school curriculums. The Massachusetts 2nd Class Firemen's license is a prestigious certification that validates the holder's competence in operating and maintaining stationary steam boilers. This achievement not only highlights the students' technical prowess but also emphasizes the importance of safety in managing boiler systems, a crucial aspect of stationary engineering.

The rigorous process of obtaining the 2nd Class Firemen's license involves theoretical knowledge assessments and practical examinations. Students must demonstrate proficiency in understanding boiler operations, safety protocols, and troubleshooting procedures. This accomplishment speaks volumes about the high standards set by the program and the students' commitment to mastering the intricacies of stationary engineering. These students are now equipped with valuable skills that are in high demand in various industries, including manufacturing, energy production, and facility management.

The Massachusetts 2nd Class Firemen's license serves as a testament to their capabilities, making them highly desirable candidates for future employment opportunities. Moreover, this accomplishment highlights the potential of vocational and technical education in preparing students for specialized careers. It underscores the importance of providing students with practical, hands-on experiences that bridge the gap between classroom learning and real-world applications. By obtaining licensure while still in high school, these students are not only accelerating their career paths but also gaining a competitive edge in the job market.

Pictured below: Students L-R: Benjamin Nunes, Ryan Kobza, Mason Daigle, Nicholas Soares and Reinaldo Trinidad

SkillsUSA Events

Upcoming Events:

- Freshman Smart Start Summit - January 18, 2024
- MRE Challenge - January 25, 2024



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